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September 19, 1996 was the 150th anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady of La Salette. That day a few "cowboys from Colorado" were privileged to be with Father John Gregory XVII at the Magnificat Monastery, where a few days earlier, on September 7th, we celebrated the 25th anniversary of his papal coronation. A few miles from the monastery at the scenic little town of Huberdeau is this Lourdes shrine. Our Lady told Blessed Melanie that the secret of La Salette could be made known in 1858 (the year Mary appeared to St. Bernadette).

NEWS & VIEWS

COMING TO YOU FROM NEW FRANCE

Although printed and mailed from Westcliffe, this issue was composed by your editor while on an extended visit to the headquarters of the Order of the Mother of God at St. Jovite in New France. I have had the luxury of not having seen a television program, or heard a radio broadcast, or read a newspaper in two months. Missed out on all that election noise! It has given me a chance, though, to talk to and to listen to the Creator of Heaven and earth without a lot of distractions.

I hope and pray you will take time to carefully and prayerfully ***read this whole issue***, though it be quite a few pages. By the grace of God you have a free will. He does not force us to love Him, but He has shown in many ways His love for us. The very fact that you are reading these lines is, to me, a sign that God is offering you a special grace. Don't turn your back on Him! Generous souls who are willing to sacrifice themselves for Jesus. . . . He calls us, but does not take away our free will. Noah and those with him did not perish in the Great Flood. God made a covenant with him. Again, in our day, it is foretold that another covenant will be made.

ARK OF SALVATION

Starting on page 4 you will find several pages extracted from the large book on prophecies THOU ART PETER which treat of the subject of the "Ark of Salvation". So you, dear reader, will not be able to say to Jesus, "No one ever told me . . . .!"

All I ask is that you check it out for yourself. Yes, I am obviously convinced about what I'm conveying to you. Yes, I make mistakes and have made a number of them in my lifetime. But if, nevertheless, through all these bungles, the Good Lord still lets me find the TREASURE and wants you to find it, too. . . . May He have mercy on me, and on you! I pray for the Light of the Holy Spirit, and I pray you will have the grace to also pray for His enlightenment. God gives grace to the humble and resists the proud. For the next issue I've found some good articles on HUMILITY. 100 years ago in 1897 God called to Himself the wonderful Lily, St. Therese, the Little Flower. Don't miss the beautiful special 1997 calendar in her honor: $5 postpaid from EDITIONS MAGNIFICAT, B.P. 308, ST. JOVITE, QUEBEC, CANADA JOT 2HO.

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The Hidden Treasure

I am pleased to learn that good Father Roubaud is going to spend ten days with you in holy conversation regarding the great work of the Mother of God. **This work is too far above human comprehension to be understood by persons attached to the goods of the earth and worldy pleasures** — being deprived of a living faith, they cannot perceive. This work is a hidden treasure, and to find it, you must first of all sell the patrimony which our first father Adam left us by way of inheritance. This patrimony is sin and all its consequences; but its consequences are very refined and devious, revealing themselves sometimes under the beautiful guise of virtue. Do not let it fool you. It is the heart that sinned, so you must delve deeply into it in its pleats and folds and seek out all that is not marked by the seal of the Cross in order to tear it out.

Ordinarily, when God in His great mercy wants to draw souls most particularly to Him, He shows them two extreme extremities : His extreme grandeur, power and wisdom; then the extreme nothingness, extreme powerlessness and extreme incapacity of creatures to perform a single good, meritorious work of Paradise without the succor of God's grace. With the help of grace, this knowledge makes the soul enter into the greatest depths of the earth, which is very much its place. The soul is content that God is He who is, while it is nothing, nothing, and merits nothing from men except contempt, wretchedness, abandonment, poverty and abjection. It desires contempt, suffering, illness, solitude, prayer and austerity. Oh, what a beautiful life that is ! It suffers envy from nobody —no, nobody covets this happy state of the dead-living or living-dead soul : **it is the hidden treasure, the treasure that the Apostles of the Latter Times must find, and you who find it by a living faith.** When Jesus came on earth, He annihilated Himself, He lived poor, humble, scorned, scoffed, slandered, etc., etc. If we want to be with Jesus, we must imitate Him by sacrificing our excellence to the Eternal Father who sacrificed His Son in order to save us. (Castellamare, April 5, 1883).

Sister Mary of the Cross (Melanie Calvat)

ARK OF SALVATION

Taken from the book THOU ART PETER
by Catherine St. Pierre

— Blessed **Melanie Calvat** foresaw the Order of the Mother of God for the Apostles of the Latter Times as an Ark of Salvation. Her perpetual, albeit unsuccessful, efforts to cast the foundation of this Order kept her in a sort of anxiety throughout her life:

> If an authority, a superior, a confessor told me to remain in peace and no longer think about it, oh! that would be a charity for me, for I am as though crushed (although pleasantly) by **the greatness, the sublimity of this ARK OF SALVATION.**[1]
>
> How I long to see the beginning of this Order, which is called to do so much good in the world. My heart is burning with ardor and with the desire to see the new Apostles of the Queen of Angels combatting for the Faith of Jesus Christ. **Happy the souls called to serve the King of kings in this ARK OF SALVATION,** whose Captain will be our beautiful, sweet Mother Mary.[2]

"I am as though crushed by the greatness, the sublimity of this Ark of Salvation," says Melanie. Did she suspect that this Order of the Mother of God would be the Ark of Salvation destined to safeguard the Church? Let it be mentioned that the above-quoted texts from Melanie were published only in 1978 and 1984. In 1968, Our Lord

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1. Bl. Melanie Calvat – Oct. 4, 1876; quoted by Henri Dion, **Mélanie Calvat, bergère de La Salette** (Pierre Téqui: Paris, 1984), p. 279.
2. Bl. Melanie Calvat, *Letter* to Canon A. C. Michel de Brandt, June 18, 1877 (#190), **Pour servir à l'histoire réelle de La Salette** (Résiac: Montsûrs, 1978), Documents IV, p. 19.

employed the same expression, *"this Ark of Salvation,"* to designate the Order of the Mother of God established at St. Jovite, a Work raised up for the salvation of the Church. *"Very few, very few have responded to the invitation to enter this New Ark,* ***this Ark of Salvation.***"[1] Decidedly, Heaven is consistent in Its ideas!

— **Maria Nieves Holgado**, already extensively quoted here, received very explicit communications from Our Lord on this subject in 1937:

> **The time has come in which My Father is going to dispose the company of My elect in the place that has been prepared for them**, so that in union with My Mother, who is not failing to watch over them, they may be formed little by little in the school of Her love, like the Apostles with Me.
>
> All this will be fulfilled without delay. The trial will seem very hard; but these friends of My Heart shall feel in full adversity the greatest joys, the most solid and real peace, and boundless consolation: they shall feel all the benefits that I hold in reserve for My Elect. (pp. 71-72)[2]

For the Apostles of the Latter Times, the Lord adds:

> It is to you, My beloved ones, that will come all of those whom **Noah, the elect, shall place in the Ark to fulfill the holy Work** predicted for some time, and for which My Mother is coming to prepare Her own. It is you who are these privileged

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1. Mystical message quoted in the present work on p. 285.
2. This and the following quotations are found in G. L. Boué, **Voix et Visions d'Espagne**.

ones, O Crucifers[1] of My Heart. How I love you! Be fearless. In the midst of the battle, I shall be by your side to encourage you. You shall have great need of My help, and it will not fail you if you are faithful to Me. All of you, receive My Spirit and at the same time, the blessing of the Father and the Holy Spirit. (pp. 140-141)

I carry you in My Heart, O My beloved ones! **Soon the walls will rise**, so that within them, you might do in all things only the Will of My Father who is in Heaven. (p. 66)

I want you to live joyful and hidden until your hour comes, and it is not far off. You shall be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. This light shall be so powerful that it shall blind the enemies of the Holy Church. (p. 72)

Many among you believe in Me, but My doctrine is not within the grasp of all; grace will come to you from On High.

Now, I desire beforehand to purify and cleanse My vine; besides, many are called and few are chosen. I want only a little number, and let them be good; all those who have entered *(into the Ark)* shall not remain inside.

As for the sword and the staff, I have given them to Peter *(the Holy Pontiff)*... Without Peter, you will be able to do nothing, for **he shall be the Head of My Church**. (pp. 74-75)

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1. *Crucifer* means "Cross-bearer." This expression is another designation for the Apostles of the Latter Times, as the Most Blessed Virgin says Herself: *"Crucifers of My Heart, do not forget that you are the Apostles of the Latter Times." Cf.* G. L. Boué, **Voix et Visions d'Espagne**, p. 166.

> Follow Peter in every point, and always see in him what I want, the light that will enlighten you without fluctuating. By his light, you shall make your way until you reach Me, where you shall abide forever. (p. 87)
>
> Soon **the Ark** will reopen, and you shall enter into its bosom, but not all. For the number must be very reduced, that the battle may be won more easily; **little in number**, in effect, must be those who shall fight and insure the triumph of the Holy Church.
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> All these things are at hand... The weight of the divine scale is on the verge of falling upon the earth, for sins have filled it up to the top; and My Father's wrath shall discharge itself upon the whole world. (p. 215)[1]

The very diverse elements of the prophetic texts on the *Holy Pontiff,* far from contradicting one another, complement each other in a wonderful, even extraordinary manner, providing proof of their supernatural and divine origin.

The very term *"Ark"* constitutes part of this significant body of texts. The Ark built long ago by Noah on orders from God Himself will always remain the symbol of a protective shelter, the ultimate refuge for escape from a dreadful disaster. Scripture teaches us that in those days the Lord, outraged by the sins of men, decreed the extermination of the human race by a flood. Noah and his family, gathered in the Ark, were the only ones spared from the cataclysm.

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1. Conclusion of quotations of Maria Nieves Holgado taken from G. L. Boué, **op. cit.**

Presently, a flood far more terrible than the ancient deluge of water — a diabolical deluge of false doctrines and vices — is flooding the entire earth. Virtually no one is escaping it. Dragged along by the corruption that prevails on all levels, most humans dream of a better world but go on passively living according to the whims of decadence. From year to year, the situation is deteriorating more and more.

In the meantime, God has built His Ark, and He wants *"to have My people enter in, but it is not easy."* He has decreed a new purification for a new regeneration; He has long promised it. To operate this total reversal, He needs the cooperation of a little group of souls. He is seeking people who are unconditional; He is calling them to a work of faith without precedent since the establishment of the Church by the Apostles.

On this subject, **Our Lord** Himself communicated the following to the Community of Apostles directed by Gregory XVII:

> No prayer of any kind will be able to change what My Father has decided... My Father wants to beautify the world, wants to give back to humanity the gifts it has lost; He wants to embellish and glorify it with Himself in the Trinity. But first He must purify it, an indispensable purification...
>
> Make an assault on Heaven... The more you pray, the more you will obtain salvation for these poor souls that will have to appear before God. But God's verdict has been rendered. Do not act like Jacob, My children. You would be fighting in vain against God... For one hundred years I have been announcing that I would purify the earth. Men

have mocked Me and are not disposed to change. The more time goes on, the more they mock... It is out of mercy for those I have chosen that I delay, but it is only a postponement...

This little Church is the Ark of the New Times. I want to have My people enter in, but it is not easy. (Sept. 21, 1965)

Eight days later, on September 29, 1965, the Most Blessed Virgin, under the title of the **Mother of Salvation**, confirmed the preceding message:

You, My child so dear, John,[1] how I love you!... How well you know how to accomplish My will! You do not mind being crushed... You are fighting well for My beloved Son. This work is hard. Everything is drawing near, as I desire...

Do not be afraid to speak the truth, My good John. Speak loudly, you are able... Those who do not do the Will of My Son hurt Me... I repeat: speak loudly, My good John, you are able... **You shall triumph. You shall have charge of everything.** It is you who will have the last word, My good John. You will not lose as Satan tells you. Do not be afraid! Your community will remain beautiful...

This house is like Noah's Ark. Those who follow this beautiful Renewed Church will board this Ark. But one must not put in only one foot, but both feet... To do this, you will have to obey, if you do not want to fall out of the beautiful boat... I leave you now and I bless you, My children so dear. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

1. Father John of the Trinity, now Gregory XVII.

On September 7, 1967, **Our Lord** returned to the theme of the Ark:

> I am Jesus of Nazareth, the Eternal Word made flesh, who died on the cross for your salvation. I am speaking to you through this child, and I ask you to take into consideration what he will tell you, for the days will be dark and you will not know where to turn, where to orient yourselves. You will have to blindly follow the directives this child will give you, otherwise you will be lost, you will be shipwrecked in the tempest, the great tempest that is to come. **The Ark that will protect you from this tempest is here, the Community...**
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> Sometimes you do not understand everything. You will have to walk without understanding, for the Work I have decided to perform on behalf of My children must be accomplished in ways that are very mysterious and hidden from mortals... You will know day by day what you must do. Instructions will be given to you, and those who remain with this captain I have given you here shall carry off the victory: a wholly supernatural victory, but a real victory...
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> **I want to form an army with you, for a great combat**, but the army will not be large. It will be like Gideon's army. When the people of God entered the Promised Land, Moses, chosen by God to lead the Hebrew people to the Promised Land, did not reach his goal. It was Joshua who brought the Hebrews into the Promised Land, with a little army sustained by God.

So shall it be for you, My children. It is a little handful of faithful souls that will enter the Promised Land by divine assistance.

At the end of 1968, **Our Lord** manifested His sorrow over not having found a generous enough response to His divine appeals:

My children, you do not realize the greatness of the Work I want to accomplish. What attempts! What attempts have been made, which did not produce the results I expected because My children do not want to enter into My plans. Oh, how sad it is!...

Throughout the ages, I have attempted in every way to revive the ardor of My Church. In every period, I have returned to the task, to try and set it back on the road, the narrow road that I marked out for it by My examples and My teaching...

And now that My Church is totally destroyed, **I have wanted to raise up this little Church**, to choose Apostles for Myself in your persons; but, My children, what a disappointment! **Very few, very few have responded to the invitation to enter this New Ark, this ARK OF SALVATION.** And among those who have entered, how many truly serve Me, My children? Oh, I did not dare to tell you...

I am impatient over your patience... My children, you are not in any hurry to give yourselves, but I am impatient to see you all Mine at last. I am impatient to be able to inundate you with My gifts, My most special graces and favors. I want to make of you the Apostles of the New Times, My new

> Apostles walking in the footsteps of My first Apostles...
>
> My children, I will not abandon you and I will do everything in My power so that you may be **the Apostles I need to remake My Church.** (Dec. 22, 1968)

— The prophecies of Pope **John XXIII**, which he received in 1935 but which were published only in 1976, mention the construction of an *Ultimate Ark:*

> That is when **Noah shall begin to build the Ultimate Ark.** But it shall not know the waters, thanks to the word of the one who is unknown, but who causes the mighty to tremble when he comes down from the mountain.[1]

Pier Carpi, who came into possession of these prophetic texts attributed to Pope John XXIII, spent ten years studying them before making them public. Their content often remains very puzzling. Here are his comments on the preceding text:

> Because of this event *(construction of the Ultimate Ark),* **there is an immense danger to be feared for humanity.** Perhaps a world war, perhaps a cataclysm worse than the flood, since the Ark in question is qualified as *"ultimate"*...
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> I have not succeeded in understanding what the following paragraph of the prophecy refers to: *"But it shall not know the waters."* One thing is clear: peace will be saved, *"thanks to the word of the one who is unknown, but who causes the mighty*

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1. Pier Carpi, **Les prophéties du pape Jean XXIII** (Presses Sélect: Montreal, 1976), p. 131.

to tremble when he comes down from the mountain." **Might this refer to a divine intervention, or to a personage impossible to discover**? [1]

Pier Carpi could not put his finger on the event, but he guessed its meaning accurately. The next part of the prophecy sheds some light on the subject: *"The president shall fall, shall fall his brother."* The event can thus be situated immediately before the death of the Kennedy brothers. The first brother, John, who was President of the United States, was assassinated on November 22, 1963. In such a context, this prophecy of John XXIII would come to confirm the earlier assertion, that **this Ultimate Ark would be *"this little Church, the Ark of the New Times; this Community, the Order of the Mother of God, the Ark of Salvation."***

It all coincides. The Order of the Mother of God was implanted at St. Jovite, Quebec, in 1962; consequently, construction of the large Monastery of the Apostles, the Motherhouse of this Order, began in May 1963, only a few months before the assassination of the President of the United States. This construction went on for several years; and Robert Kennedy, the second brother, met his death by assassination during that period.

There are other details: The monastery is built in the Laurentian Mountains. The Ark *"shall not know the waters,"* for it is the refuge of the Church, the Bark of Peter, which combats in the midst of a moral tempest. *"The one who causes the mighty to tremble when he comes down from the mountain"* is therefore none other than the Shepherd mandated by God, *Noah the Elect,*[2] whose

1. **Ibid.**, p. 133.
2. G. L. Boué, **Voix et Visions d'Espagne**, p. 140.

words and deeds upset the false peace of the false shepherds and of Christian consciences satisfied with the general apostasy. This Shepherd is the *terror of the mighty* who have a presentiment of the divine origin of his mission.

— **Sylvio Pellico** is quoted though not described by Jean de Dompierre in his collection of prophecies published in Rennes (Brittany), France, in 1900. Here is his text:

> Today, as in the time of the Flood, men are at war against God. The treaty of the covenant is nonetheless on the verge of being signed, and notice of it will be given to the earth, as once before, **by the dove of the Ark.** Nonetheless, the divine bird shall carry in its beak not an olive branch, but **a fleur-de-lis.**[1]

The dove is often an emblem of the Supreme Pontiff. Might this *dove of the Ark* not also represent the *Holy Pontiff* sent by God, bearing not an olive branch but a *fleur-de-lis,* the better to mark his French Quebec origins?

Let us now look at several passages from the writings of Michel Morin. This author recently made a study of the prophecies of Nostradamus, notably those referring to the Great Monarch and his mission. Basing himself on the writings of that seer, Michel Morin makes mention of *a great mission in the divine plan* for Quebec. He sees the Great Monarch as emerging from Quebec, assisted by Quebecers. To our knowledge, Michel Morin is unaware of the mission of Gregory XVII and its correlation with the Ark of the New Times. For him, this Ark is of a much larger nature; it is all of Quebec:

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1. J. de Dompierre, **Comment tout cela va finir,** p. 88.

> **New France**, eldest daughter of France, shall hold out her hand to her mother and **shall be the Noah's Ark of the end of the 20th century.**[1]
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> Not only will Quebec be protected, but it will have an important role to play in the re-establishment of the Great Monarch upon the throne of his ancestors.[2]
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> Quebec soil shall thus be a land of asylum, it shall be the new ark in the tempest,[3] **Noah's Ark** of the end of the 20th century, **which shall welcome men of good will, ready to rebuild the world.**[4]
>
> The moment he *(the Great Monarch)* shall arrive, the Roman Church will be in a bad state. Since the Vatican II Council, the Bark of Peter has never been caught in greater currents than it is today... The schism is almost consummated.[5]

The near future will perhaps connect these two statements concerning the New Ark, for all the prophecies closely associate the mission of the Great Monarch with that of the Great Pontiff. Let us leave to God the care of pursuing and completing what He has begun... It is up to us to pray and remain attentive to all the signs of His Providence.

Monsignor Louis Baunard wrote the following hope-filled words on January 18, 1871, feast of the Chair of Saint Peter:

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1. Michel Morin, **Le retour du Lys** (Trécarré: Montreal, 1985), p. 16.
2. **Ibid.**, p. 167.
3. **Ibid.**, p. 171.
4. Michel Morin, **Nostradamus, interprétation des prophéties pour 1993-1999** (Québecor: Montreal, 1992), p. 171.
5. M. Morin, **Le retour du Lys**, p. 156.

> Above the deluge of pagan corruption, of pagan thought which is overflowing and rising every day, **there is the Sacred Ark of the Christian Church... the hearth of life.**

Monsignor Baunard proclaims this Church, and none other, as:

> The balancing and regulatory authority... to establish, to maintain order and consistency where, without it, we find only anarchy and chaos.

He also sees this Church, and none other, in the following manner:

> It is destined, in the designs of God, to become the cornerstone of the edifice of the future...
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> So let the godless laugh. As in days of old, **let them mock the patriarch whom they watch building the Ark,** without yet wanting to believe that it will lift the hope and the life of the world above the deluge. The more revolutions diminish the prestige or weaken the strength of human powers, the more they will make men feel the need for divine power...
>
> Weary with vain pursuits, disappointments and disasters, men with an upright mind and wholesome conscience shall feel the need to return to the Church, as to the sole authority capable of regulating and consecrating all others...
>
> Then there will be interior and exterior peace, peace among men and among nations...
>
> Men of little faith, be not fearful for this humble fisherman's bark. **Though it be battered by the tempest, it will take the perishing fleet of modern nations in tow.** When shall this be? I cannot say, and one may foresee that it will take a great deal of time. Human perversion can hinder the designs of the divine Will, can make Christian progress undergo terrible failures, can inflict delays upon it that last for centuries. But **the work of God is the work of a tireless patience, because it is the work of an infinite love.** It is always advancing, if not in an invariably straight line, then at least in a broken but continuous line. Only, have confidence![1]

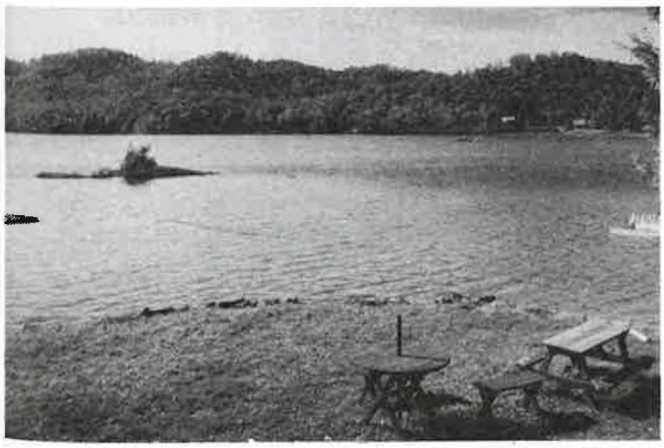
A Few Photos From Quebec

Solitude of Saints Peter and Paul.

Pond with the cross at the Solitude.

"Recommended Viewing"

River Rouge (Red River)



Otter Lake

Otter Lake Road

THE ORIGIN OF THE WORD O.K.

Many years ago, one of your editor's friends was in a group of people when someone asked the intriguing question, "I wonder... what is the origin of the word O.K.?" Quite a question! Apparently, no one is perfectly certain as to what the real answer is.

Now, our friend, being of a playful nature, piped up and said, "Oh, I know where the word O.K. comes from!"

And he proceeded to invent a rather plausible story for the occasion. It goes something like this:

The origin of the word O.K., or *okay* if you prefer, goes back to France. It was a more or less commercial term in that language. You see, in the 19th century, when cargo ships pulled into port, there would be boys hanging around the wharf, on the lookout for the local merchants, who all wanted to get the jump on one another... As you can see, times have not changed!

These boys would hop on their bikes and ride as rapidly as they could into the mercantile district crying out: **AU QUAY! AU QUAY!** which in French is pronounced *OKAY* and means *on the wharf.* In this way, the merchants would know that their goods were being unloaded *"au quay,"* on the wharf, and they would send people to pick it up.

Now, folks, don't get me wrong here! This is NOT the origin of the oft-employed word O.K., which is probably the most universal word in the world. It's just a little story invented for amusement by your editor's friend. He adds, "Everyone believed it for at least a couple of weeks, until I blew my cover by laughing too much and finally had to admit the truth of the matter."

My friend, who is a priest, used this story recently in a sermon to illustrate how easy it can be to deceive people, but that it is impossible to deceive God, who is Truth itself and who knows all things.

Now please move on to the following page for a continuation of the same subject...

O.K., WILL YOU BELIEVE *THIS* ONE?

Here below we have a more trustworthy version, which we found in the ***Encyclopaedia Brittanica*** (Chicago, 1957), Vol. XVI, *MUSHROOM to OZONIDES,* pp. 752-753:

O.K., a colloquial expression used to indicate approval, is probably more widely understood than any other word or phrase in any language. It originated in the United States, but for a full century, despite the popularity and almost universal use of the term, its origin remained obscure.

From 1840, which most authorities accepted as the date of its first appearance in print, the term moved rapidly into the everyday language of all the English-speaking peoples. During World War I it became widely known in Europe, at least on the level of vernacular, and in World War II it was carried by U.S. and British troops into practically every part of the world.

Until the 1940s, there were many theories about the origin of O.K. One of the most popular ideas was that it had originated in the Choctaw Indian word *oke,* a term of approval. Several dictionaries used this derivation, qualifying it with "probably."

Another popular theory held that the initials O.K. represented *oll korrect,* this gross misspelling being attributed to both John Jacob Astor and Andrew Jackson.

The disputes over the origin of O.K. apparently were ended in 1941 when Allen Walker Read showed that the term derived from the Democratic O.K. Club, a political group in New York City supporting Martin Van Buren for the presidency in 1840. The initials came from *"Old Kinderhook,"* a nickname for Van Buren derived from the name of the New York village where he was born.

From this beginning as a political rallying cry, O.K. quickly took its place in the language.

How to Obtain the Thought of God

by Father John Gregory of the Trinity, O.D.M.

"The spirit of this Order is none other than the spirit of Jesus Christ in oneself and the spirit of Jesus Christ in souls." – Rule of the Order of the Mother of God, Article 2.

An unceasing cry toward God

From a certain point of view, it is useless to make endlessly long sermons. They are necessary, but they can lead to more confusion than light if people do not receive the Spirit of God. Now, to obtain the Spirit of God, my brothers and sisters, you have to pray, pray more, pray always. **May your life be an unceasing cry toward God to ask for His Spirit. Everything depends on this.**

If we have the Spirit of God, we can go through the world without any danger to ourselves. We will be able to forearm and protect ourselves against all the false doctrines that are circulating; we will be able to ferret them out and unmask them strongly. I will return to this subject later.

In the course of our adorations of the Blessed Sacrament, during the celebration of our Masses, in our comings and goings, and in prayer of the heart, we should ask Jesus to penetrate us with His Spirit. We must live in Him, and in order to do that we must leave the world, not being preoccupied with exterior things, but with God alone: be **occupied** with exterior things as our duty demands, but **preoccupied** with God alone. Thus we will be able to enter into the school of Jesus and be taught by Him.

The school of Jesus is a school of charity, meekness, humility and obedience. Worldlings are startled merely upon hearing this. And yet, the Divine Model is there. Look at Jesus, silent and annihilated in the Sacred Host. Could He make Himself any smaller than a piece of bread?

Humanly speaking, a little Host is nothing, yet that is where the Divine Presence is. Do we ever think about this? God made Himself even smaller than a human being, made Himself inert, made Himself our food. Like Him, we must be good bread our neighbor can eat. **We must resemble Jesus.** Only on this condition will we have a truly effective apostolate. **To resemble Him, we must think like Him**; we must not esteem what He scorns or scorn what He esteems.

Let us ask unceasingly for the Spirit, feelings and Thought of God. Jesus wants to live in us. In a very beautiful prayer, Blessed Elizabeth of the Trinity said, *"May I be for You, my God, a surplus humanity."* We will be so to the extent we empty ourselves of our all too human way of seeing things and let ourselves be led and manipulated by God. That is God's Will. As Saint Paul said, *"It is now no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me."* (Gal. 2:20)

Diligent reading of the Gospel

The Spirit of Jesus Christ is communicated to us in the Gospel. The Spirit of God and the Spirit of Jesus Christ are one and the same. You might say that we already know the Spirit of God through the Old Testament, but Our Lord Jesus Christ came to unveil this spirit to us in all its splendor. Even in our time, God is going to return to uncover certain aspects of the Gospel for us, aspects we had perhaps not considered until now. **Humanity is going to take a step forward. It is going to know the Gospel message in all its splendor**, for it has remained veiled in certain respects.

Had Our Lord not given a perfectly complete teaching to His Apostles? Yet they did not understand much until Pentecost. The light dawned in their mind only after the coming of the Holy Spirit; and even then, certain points remained obscure for them. For instance, although good Saint Peter was the Head of the Church, he did not understand everything. Saint Paul had to explain certain things to him and convince him. This means that we can always receive a better knowledge of the Thought of God.

Prayer is of prime importance; but we must also have a mind to educate ourselves, know our religion. We see many different sects cropping up all over; they support their errors with texts from Holy Scripture, taking them out of context or interpreting them in their own way. Many Christians are swallowing these errors because they do not know Holy Scripture. They even let themselves get impressed by these teachings, sometimes to the point of changing religions. Why? Ignorance prevents them from seeing how these people are abusing Holy Scripture. Yes, even the best things can be abused.

The most ridiculous affirmations can be made using a text of Holy Scripture, when one does not have the spirit of God. For example, a man might say, "Abraham was a holy man, he saw Angels; but he had three wives. I have only one wife, so I should have more." This is an abuse of Holy Scripture. Saint Paul says, ***"The letter kills, but the spirit gives life."*** (II Cor. 3:6)

We must look at the Will of God presently upon humanity, which has progressed. Polygamy is no longer permitted; it is against the Law of God. People no longer have the right to practice it. What was innocent in one period is wrong today.

Many Scripture texts have been used for all sorts of heresies, perhaps with more bad faith than we would care to admit; for if you went to give this other Scripture text to the fellow who has chosen Abraham as his model – *"They who belong to Christ have crucified their flesh with its passions and desires"* (Gal. 5:24) – more than likely he would not want to hear it.

KNOWING HOW TO REFUTE ERROR

Do not get upset if someone quotes texts like this and you do not know what to answer. Go and see someone, go and consult. It would be good to note these texts down and research them if need be, then you can learn what to answer. I have collected leaflets from all sorts of religions. Someday we will try to answer these affirmations or objections. Normally, we should be able to give a satisfactory answer that sweeps their fallacy aside.

It is not enough to say, "Oh, you are in error!" That is not how you set things straight. You have to be able to prove it in an obvious way. It is easy to say, "You're mistaken. The Church never said that!" That's no argument, you have to prove he is mistaken. Not everyone has this duty, it is scholar's work. Even so, we have to tend toward possessing our religion more and more and being able to refute at least the most widespread errors.

We will have to combat error everywhere, my brothers and sisters. Prepare for it. It is not they who should come and indoctrinate us, but we who must go and teach the Gospel, make the teachings of the Saints known, for **the Saints are certainly the best interpreters of the Thought of God.** Never let the worldly spirit influence us, for Saint Paul says, *"The sensual man does not perceive the things that are of the Spirit of God."* (I Cor. 2:14)

The Spirit of God is a spirit of penance and renouncement for the love of God; on the contrary, **the spirit of the world** is one of seeking all kinds of satisfactions. Even the finest people, those who think they are the most Christian, find their happiness in a sumptuous table. They say, "After all, there's nothing wrong with that. We will find a little happiness in it."

In reality, all of the world's sensual pleasures lead us away from God. **Every act of self-seeking we do prevents us from going to God.** Our body, our pride, our mind seek their nourishment and their whims. We must not be at their mercy. They must be quenched. We must kill the natural inclination to evil within ourselves.

For example, people who do not have the Spirit of God cannot understand how adults can come to a monastery and subject themselves to obedience and asking for little permissions, when they could be leading an easy, independent life. This is pure folly in their eyes because they are sensual souls.

We must not be victims of what they say, my brothers and sisters. Their only ideal is to have as easy a life as possible; whereas for us, **Jesus is our Model. He did not seek out an easy life.** He did not set Himself up comfortably in Nazareth. *"The Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head,"* (Matt. 8:20) he said during His public life. And He ended His life on the Cross.

I would like to show you how we can find the answer to everything by reading the Gospel. Our Lord has given us answers to every problem. **It is with the Gospel that we can prove the error of all these people who are spreading heresies or foolishness everywhere.** Prepare for this, my brothers and sisters.

Otherwise, you will not be able to accomplish the mission God has destined for you. You will have to preach, and preaching does not necessarily mean going up into a pulpit. You meet people and talk to them. You have to be capable of exposing what God expects of them in a clear, concise, solid manner. Give them no way out. That's what preaching is. For the nuns, preaching will often occur in conversations.

How can you prepare for this mission? One way is by knowing your Gospel very well. Read and re-read it, praying God to enlighten you on what you read.

NECESSITY OF DIVINE LIGHTS

Reading and knowledge of Holy Scripture, and most particularly of the Holy Gospel, is not enough. **Without divine light, Scripture will be interpreted all wrong; it becomes an instrument of division, error and ruin.**

It is a little like someone who gets behind the wheel of a beautiful automobile in perfect condition, but does not know how to drive. He will run into something and kill himself with that beautiful instrument. The same holds true for those who know Holy Scripture but lack the Spirit of God.

Today many people know the Bible by heart. They are in every Christian denomination. Yet from one to the other, they contradict each other. They often resemble the Tower of Babel. How does this happen? Because the Spirit of God is not reigning in their heart.

If it is an error not to seek to overcome someone's ignorance with regard to religion, it is an even greater error to believe that knowledge without prayer can ever suffice to put us or keep us on the right road.

A person who is enlightened by the Spirit of God has much more than the Gospel book. For the Spirit of God can only be communicated to us by God Himself, in contact with Him. Anyone can have the Gospel and still not have the Spirit of God for all that.

What is the Spirit of the Gospel? It is the Thought of God, it is His way of thinking. To have the Spirit of Gospel means to know what God thinks about each thing: How does God consider earthly things? Under what angle does He view them?

The Divine Thought is superior to the fact of knowing Holy Scripture. The more a person is united to God, the more he receives the Thought of God; the more he possesses the Thought of God, the more capable he is of interpreting it.

You see this in the human realm. The more united you are to someone, the more you know what he thinks. That is a little what the relationship of the Saints with God is like. They are in close contact with Him. A dialogue is established between God and their soul, and He reveals His secrets to them.

This sweet intimacy with God is promised in the Gospel: *"He who loves Me... I will love him and manifest Myself to him."* (John 14:21) **God is speaking about a person who loves Him truly and proves it to Him with his acts. God does not want mere words.** *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the Will of My Father in heaven shall enter the kingdom of heaven."* (Matt. 7:21) Our Lord also says, *"If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him."* (John 14:23)

The person who knows the Thought of God because he has lived in His intimacy has no difficulty understanding or explaining Holy Scripture, **even if he has made no studies:** he knows what God intended to say. On the other hand, the person who does not know the Thought of God, does not frequent God in mental prayer or live in His presence by doing His Will, reads Scripture without understanding it. He gives all sorts of erroneous and sometimes even ridiculous interpretations to it.

FIDELITY TO GRACE

The real initiation into Holy Scripture is therefore made by God Himself. Whence the importance of being souls united to God.

But how is this union effected? By prayer, yes, but above all by **conformity to the Will of God.** That is even superior to prayer.

In our Rule, the Blessed Virgin says that the spirit of this Order is none other than the spirit of Jesus Christ **in oneself** and the spirit of Jesus Christ **in souls.** Our role will be to convey the Spirit of Jesus Christ to souls. That is why it is important to be thoroughly penetrated by it.

The Thought of God – I will never say this enough – is obtained by contact with God, that is, by mental prayer and fidelity. It is certain that God communicates His Thought continually to us by the interior illuminations He gives to all souls who are united to Him and accomplish His Will. **The faithful soul goes forward from light to light, always penetrating more deeply into the Thought of God.** This person enters into His very feelings.

Fidelity to grace will attract and merit divine lights for us. The more our soul is under God's empire, the more it will be guided and enlightened by Him.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

November 1, 1996
ALL SAINTS' DAY

Mrs. Evelyn Miller

Dear Evie,

This is a special feast day which is celebrated with joy here at the Magnificat Monastery. This is, I think, the place that in a special way where Heaven is to start on earth. I listened to the sermon in French this morning, even though there are earphones in the chapel which I could have used to hear it being simultaneously translated into English.

Anyhow the thought came to me at Mass to write a letter to my dear aunt and godmother.

So how are you, Evie? It has been some time since you last wrote to me, or I to you, has it not? If you've had a chance to talk to my mother, she's probably told you of her concern when I wrote and told her I was staying on awhile longer in Canada, and had requested to become more closely associated with the Order of the Mother of God. One of these days I expect I will be making a vow of poverty which, in his book (Encyclical) PETER SPEAKS TO THE WORLD, Fr. John suggests that all bishops in the future should probably make to avoid the problem and scandals that currently exist and have harmed the Church over the ages. Bishops became more concerned with their money and possessions, than for God and the care of souls.

God has provided me with the opportunity to extend my stay for awhile at the monastery. It is in one sense a sacrifice, for I do miss Colorado and family, friends and my flock there. But, nevertheless it is a time of grace for me. I have more time than otherwise to pray, read, study and to get aquainted with the Spirit of the Renewed Church and of the Apostles. I have also been getting my share of physical exercise, perhaps as much or more than if I had gone hunting this year. Yesterday I was out again for several hours with one of the brothers cutting down trees on Mt. Saint Francis to make way for a new road. Beautiful mountain!!!

•1996 was prophesied by St. John Bosco, according to our records, to be the year of an event marking a turning point for the victory of Christianity over the forces of darkness. A Saturday before a big feast is mentioned as marking the day. Was it September 7, the Saturday before Mary's birthday when Fr. John and the Community here had a really special celebration commemorating his 25 years as Christ's Vicar?

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Only 1 or 2 other Popes since St. Peter were in this office that long! Or will it perhaps be December 7, the Saturday before the feast of the Immaculate Conception?! The whole world may not be aware of the BIG EVENT, just as they were not aware of Jesus being born at Bethlehem; nevertheless that EVENT had resounding repercussions for the whole world. Even the calendar we now have, starts with that EVENT.

A terrible judgment is coming and is already here for Christians and mankind. We are told our day and the sins of men are worse than at the time of the Flood and Noah's Ark. In my December 1996 SDCN I plan to reprint several pages from the book THOU ART PETER dealing with the new ARK OF SALVATION God has had constructed to save a portion of humanity from the terrible punishment He's sending upon His wicked and ungrateful children.

Before long a GREAT MONARCH is going to appear, raised up by the Mercy of God to rule and to fight alongside the GREAT PONTIFF spoken of by NOSTRADAMUS and many Saints and Christian prophets.

During the Days of Woe a small number of new Apostles will go all over the world fighting for Jesus and Mary and the KINGDOM OF GOD. It will show God's hand, when such a small number will be seen to be able to effect (by God's hand and grace) such a change and order in society. Unity among Christians will come about, because, with a special light from God, those "little fires" of Holy Spirit filled and Holy Spirit-guided Christians will all recognize the Good Shepherd and His Pontiff (His Vicar) on earth.

Unity and peace will be the result of individuals, like you and me, humbling themselves (like the B.V.M.) and, day by day, doing the tasks or enduring the situations God's Providence has them in; in a word denying themselves, taking up their cross and following Jesus, doing the Will of Our Father in Heaven. Sounds simple, and no doubt it is, but until the FEAR OF GOD touches sin - addicted souls, they just keep on doing their own wills and ignoring God, Jesus, Mary, the Saints and the authorities of the true Church on earth - The ARK OF SALVATION. . . .

Okay, guess I'd better stop and do a little praying and reading. I was invited to work in the print shop this afternoon so. . . . .

Love and prayers,

† Fr. Dan

Father Christian du Coeur Percé de Marie, O.D.M.

priest with solemn vows in the Order of the Magnificat of the Mother of God
1968-1994

On December 20, 1994, a young priest of our Order passed away in Enfant-Jesus Hospital in Quebec City. He was twenty-six years old. His death left a real void, gave rise to general mourning and snuffed out many hopes. Indeed, his rare qualities of soul, heart and mind, heightened by a profound sense of the supernatural, had led us to foresee a brilliant career for him, a rich and fruitful apostolate. Father Christian's short life attested to the fact that God is truly the Source of Happiness.

Beneath the seal of God

Brother Christian, who had a passionate love for the Church, cultivated a filial veneration for its Head. He vibrated in unison with all that concerned the Order of the Mother of God, in which he had vowed to give his life. He wanted to be an active member, an unconditional supporter. He sought to communicate his flame, his convictions. On September 25, 1988, he wrote :

"I believe in the supernatural origin of this Work because Jesus Christ has promised to assist His Church till the end of time. The official Church has capitulated. God could not do otherwise than establish a Work for the renewal of the Church. Nowhere but here is the Gospel message taught in all its integrity. I believe that Father John has been chosen by God, especially since **his mission is marked with the seal of the cross**, as one sees in the lives of the Saints, especially the founders of Orders. He has received only humiliations, persecutions and calumnies, from his earliest efforts at foundation until today. For all these motives, and because of the interior graces and lights God has granted me, I believe in the supernatural origin of this Work."

Father John Gregory answered this testimony, saying, "Little Brother, be very faithful, be humble, pray, guard your eyes, keep silence, be dedicated, be faithful in the little things, and I assure you that you will become a great servant of God, because you too have the seal of God upon you. You have had it since your early childhood."

As of today, I must be an apostle:
not dreaming of the missionary life, but taking immediately the means God gives me.
How many souls can I already convert by my prayers, my sacrifices, my desires, my confidence, my daily labor in total abandonment ! (Retreat — May 1990)

Your editor and Baptist Pastor Marvin Howard of Westcliffe climbed the 14,000 + feet high Humboldt Peak Aug. 31, 1996. That's Crestone Needle and Crestone Peak behind us.

From the top of Humboldt Peak in the Sangre de Cristo Mts. looking northwest one sees Bench Lake in North Colony drainage and towering Kit Carson Peak.

Mr. Richard Davis, and authentic Colorado Cowboy, at the Montreal airport with a special ice cream cone. He will never forget his visit to St. Jovite in September, 1996!!

The Secret of Fatima

In her account of the events of Fatima, Sister Lucy relates two visions Jacinta had concerning the Pope of the Secret.

"I do not know how it was done," said Jacinta. "I saw the **Holy Father** in a big house, kneeling down before a table, his head in his hands and weeping. There were lots of people outside. Some of them were throwing stones at him, others were cursing him and saying many vile words to him. Poor Holy Father!"

And Jacinta asked: **"Is he the one Our Lady spoke to us about in the Secret?"** "He's the one," answered Lucy.

Therefore Our Lady spoke about a Pope who would be persecuted, cursed and insulted.

In another vision Jacinta saw "so many routes, so many roads and fields full of people weeping with hunger and having nothing to eat; and the Holy Father in a church in prayer before the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and so many people praying with him!"

Jacinta asked Lucy again: "May I say that I saw the Holy Father and all htese people?" "No, don't you see that **that is part of the Secret?"**

Has this general famine occurred yet? Therefore it concerns a future Pope who will give thanks to the Immacualte Heart of Mary for a chastised but converted world.

There is only one thing to do here below: to love Jesus, to win souls for Him so that He may be loved. Let us seize with jealous care every least opportunity of self-sacrifice. Let us refuse Him nothing. He does so want our love!

Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus

We can never have too much confidence in the good God who is so powerful and so merciful. We obtain from Him as much as we hope for.

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